

**SELECT BOARD MINUTES via Zoom August 17, 2020**

Present: Robert Allen, Thomas Fuschetto, Barbara Corriveau. Barry Corriveau joined at 8PM.  
Quorum declared.

Roll call: Tom Willey, Judi Ryner

Reviewed check manifest for \$ 9,199.51.

Reviewed deposit for \$ 3,440.00 which included the sale of the rescue vehicle.

The Treasurer sent a report on the balances of the bank accounts. Parks & Rec \$557.00, Ambulance \$22,855.75, Operating \$441,783.14, and Investment \$373,631.15.

Map & Lot 203-057 owner inquired about whether his property included Baptismal Beach. A review of the boundaries shows that the town owns Baptismal Beach and the property 203-057 does not.

NHMA sent a survey document regarding Covid-19 and anticipated losses or gains the town will experience from the changes made during the pandemic.

Judi Ryner asked about upcoming Planning Board meetings, which were to be held at the school and what would be happening now that the school is opening. There is a SAU-29 meeting tonight and it will be brought up. An answer should be forthcoming on Tuesday. The Planning Board must post all meeting information 12 days before the meeting. A public hearing needs to be held regarding the proposed cell tower. The meeting is intended to be held in the evening when school is not in session and it is to be live and also via Zoom.

Tom Willey said that the school plans to open up remotely at first, then classes will go to a hybrid model, to be split with half attending in person and half being remote.

Tom Willey reported that he has assembled a committee of 10 people for Broadband. The group favors Barry's plan to have John Snowden come to speak on the Chesterfield model. The group favors this model at this time. StarLink (Elon Musk) has a plan to launch satellites in November to link small rural communities with the internet. Satellite service has problems with weather and data caps, and it becomes very slow if the cap has been exceeded. It would be worth considering if the data cap issue is resolved. Funds available through USDA and the CARES act all seem to have some issues that may make it difficult to qualify. More data needs to be gathered. Cell towers are also a possibility for internet connectivity. NE Electric Coop is interested in internet improvement but would only serve a small percentage of our population. The committee would like copies of any information from any providers to the town.

Bob Allen gave a review of the lawsuit with Fairpoint/Consolidated Communications.

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The Election Procedure 2020-2021 Manual is available. It is about 400 pages in length. The Select Board will check with the Election Committee to confirm that everything is in place for the elections.

The DRA Technical Information Release was reviewed with attention to HB 111, Ch 28 regarding broadband infrastructure bonds.

Newsletter from SWRPC was received along with a letter from the Monadnock Broadband Group.

Transfer station coverage was discussed. Looking for staffing in September and beyond.

Select Board will look into fire alarm situation at the library. The phones were recently repaired.

Bob will be in touch with Pine Hill Construction.

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